

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ALAN L. HINSON

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, as we prepare to honor our veterans this Memorial Day, it is an appropriate time to recognize the service of Lieutenant Colonel Alan L. Hinson for his dedicated work as the Executive Director of Operation Grateful Heart in Alabama.

Alabama has a proud heritage of supporting our troops in uniform and our returning veterans. Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson upheld this tradition when he was appointed by Governor Bob Riley to serve as the Executive Director of Operation Grateful Heart. He has been responsible for ensuring that all military personnel and their families receive appropriate recognition, tangible support, and neighborly care. The program provides caring assistance for our troops, both as they fight terrorism and defend freedom overseas and when they return home and require employment and veterans services in their communities.

Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson's concern and compassion have come from his own experiences. He served in the U.S. Army from January 1969 until June 1991. He was a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War, flying combat aerial missions for the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion, as well as direct support missions in support of ground troops in the III Corps and V Corps regions of South Vietnam. He also served several tours of duty at Fort Rucker, Alabama as both a flight and ground instructor. Later in his career, he returned to his basic branch of Field Artillery, where he served with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, 3rd Armored Division in Germany, 2nd Army in Atlanta, and Army Forces Command in Atlanta.

In 1995, Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson returned to Alabama, where he served military veterans and their families for nine and a half years as counselor and case manager with the Alabama Intensive Veterans Employment (ALIVE) Program. The ALIVE program helped veterans encountering employment barriers return to the workforce by providing vocational assistance, job-specific training, work experience, and other supportive services. From 2005 through April 2007, Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson supplied assistance to Alabama citizens who had lost their jobs either from trade-related layoffs or as a result of disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson is married to the former Celia Marie Sullivan of Troy, Alabama. They have one daughter, Rochelle Hughes, a nursing instructor at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Mississippi; one son, Chief Warrant Officer Scott Hinson, currently serving with the 3rd Infantry Division at Forward Operating Base Falcon in Iraq; and five grandchildren.

Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson has devoted his life to his family, his country, and our brave men and women in uniform. As he retires from his service as Executive Director of Operation Grateful Heart, it is now our welcome opportunity to salute him for his dedication to the United States of America and to the well-being of our troops and veterans.

IN HONOR OF JUDGE ANN
ALDRIDGE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker and Colleagues, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Judge Ann Aldridge, an accomplished jurist who served as Federal District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio and helped to pave the way for all women lawyers.

Judge Aldridge had a joy for life and a passion for service. She lived around the world, but she found her final home in Northeast Ohio. After World War II, she volunteered to rebuild rail lines in Yugoslavia. She graduated second in her New York University of Law class, in which she was the only woman. She would go on to her earn master and doctoral law degrees from NYU as well. She worked in Washington D.C. for the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Federal Communications Center (FCC). Later, representing the United Church of Christ, she sued the FCC to make it easier for minorities in the south to own radio stations.

Judge Aldridge moved to Shaker Heights to join the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where she became the school's first tenured woman professor. She taught one of the nation's first environmental law classes and helped develop minority outreach programs. She was first appointed to the U.S. District Court by President Carter in 1980 and served as an accomplished jurist until her retirement in 1995. She was the first female federal district court judge in Ohio, and even after her retirement she continued to remain active in the law.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and remembrance of Judge Ann Aldridge, a trailblazer who paved the way for women in the law and enriched our nation through her deft interpretation and application of the law. I offer my condolences to her four sons, James Mooney, Allen Mooney, Martin Aldrich, William Aldrich, and her eight grandchildren.

DEKALB COUNTY POLICE AND
SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the DeKalb County Police and Sheriff Departments have been and continue to be the public safety departments for citizens throughout DeKalb County; and

Whereas, Major Jeffery K. Cato has given of himself for the past 26 years as a law enforcement officer for the citizens of DeKalb County and has given exceptionable and distinguished service to our citizens by providing guidance, protection and leadership; and

Whereas, Major Jeffery K. Cato is a proven leader and decorated officer with a heart of a lion and the spirit of an angel; and

Whereas, Major Jeffery K. Cato is retiring from his career in DeKalb County, he will begin a new career as Chief of Police in West Point, Georgia; and

Whereas, DeKalb County is proud to have been served by Major Jeffery K. Cato, who gave of himself daily without any need for praise and fame, he has always served valiantly and honorably, a modern day knight; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Major Jeffery K. Cato for his outstanding leadership and service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR., do hereby proclaim May 29, 2010, as Major Jeffery K. Cato Day in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia.

THE EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER
ACT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in proud support of H.R. 5190, the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act, which reaffirms this body's support of the goals and accomplishments of the Special Olympics.

For over four decades now, the Special Olympics has improved the health, confidence and self-esteem of Americans with intellectual disabilities. In fact, it has become such an institution now that we sometimes take it for granted, and forget what life was like for the intellectually disabled before the Special Olympics. Too often, these Americans were shuttered away in institutions, sentenced to lives of solitude, emptiness and sadness.

But today, thanks to the hard work of the late Eunice Kennedy Shriver, her son Timothy Shriver, and countless volunteers over the past four decades, Americans with intellectual disabilities are now much more woven into the fabric of community life. Over three million Special Olympians hailing from 180 countries now train and compete year-round in 30 sports and counting.

In sum, the Special Olympics works to break down barriers of prejudice against the intellectually disabled, improve the public health, and bring communities together

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